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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Whereas, The tract of land that is now Decatur County was divided out of the area known as the New Purchase in 1821 and named for naval hero Commodore Stephen Decatur;

Whereas, Shortly after this, a court was established, government was set up, and the site of a county seat was chosen and named Greensburg after a town in Pennsylvania;

Whereas, What was to become Greensburg's most famous landmark was first discovered early in the 1870s;

Whereas, Citizens began to notice a small sprig on the northwest corner of the courthouse tower; it was soon discovered that there were five sprigs growing 110 feet above the courthouse lawn level;

Whereas, It was first feared that the trees would cause permanent damage to the tower roof, and a steeplejack was employed to help workers ascend the building and remove some of the trees;

Whereas, Of the two remaining trees, one attained a height of about 15 feet and a diameter of about five inches at the base; at the same time, another tree made an appearance on the southeast corner of the tower and grew to a considerable height;



Whereas, The brave men of Decatur County camped out on the courthouse lawn to defend their families from threats of a possible attack by Morgan's Raiders during the Civil War;

Whereas, The Courthouse lawn is decorated with a variety of markers and monuments, including a monument to the soldiers of the Civil War, a memorial elm to honor the local corps of the G.A.R., a boulder with a tablet honoring Colonel Thomas Hendricks, the city's founder, and another boulder with a bronze tablet containing a replica of the Maltese cross honoring the memory of the Spanish War veterans; in the corridor of the building, there is a bronze tablet dedicated to Commodore Stephen Decatur, the man for whom the county is named;

Whereas, The Decatur County Historical Museum is located in Greensburg along with a public library built with funds donated by Andrew Carnegie and now used for city government offices;

Whereas, The city of Greensburg, with a population of 10,260, is a city on the move, with a new federal building and post office, a community gymnasium that seats 4,000, a National Guard Armory, a Y.M.C.A. that is one of the finest in Indiana, and the Decatur Memorial Hospital; and

Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly wishes to recognize the value of Greensburg's historic past and the continuing contribution of its citizens to the life of this state: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the
2 people of Greensburg on its sesquicentennial and wishes them
3 continued success.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Greensburg Mayor
6 Gary Herbert.

